10. A magnetic hook switch, according to claim 6, wherein the switching device is controlled magnetically replacing the tongue assembly.

ABSTRACT

A telephone magnetic hook switch board mounted within a handset cradle of the communications device. The device magnetic circuits place the communications station on-hook or off-hook, depending on the amount of ambient magnetic flux. The magnetic flux varies with the presence or absence of a handset in the cradle. If the handset and the is removed from the cradle, the circuit will change state and the telephone and will go off-hook.